



Thursday, October 19, 2017

3:00PM

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>TELEPHONICALLY</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	
Lucretia Free	Mark Miller	Aurora Hernandez	Patrick Cavanaugh
Marion Hook	Rhonda Pina	Tina Norton	
Kent Blumenthal			
Ken Goodman			
Lyra Done			

Call to order-the meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Free at 3:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance –Chairwoman Free led the pledge.

Approvals of Minutes- Minutes of the September 21 meeting were approved.

Chairs’ Report- Chairwoman Free –Chair Free relinquished her time to the guest speaker.

JTED Update Tina Norton- Tina Norton, Assistant Superintendent and CFO of Pima County JTED came to give the Commission an update. The main objective at this time is the restoration of fourth year funding. They need help in contacting the Legislators. Ms. Norton distributed a sample letter for support of the JTED Fourth Year Funding, she would like the letters sent to her to forward to the Legislature.

Commissioner Blumenthal motioned for the SBC to ask the BOS to endorse JTED restoration of funding. If adopted by the BOS the SBC would be permitted to endorse the same objectives. Commissioners Goodman and Hook seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The key bullet points to be addressed are as follows...

- To restore the funding to 100%- as opposed to the 95.5% which has cut out the first year students
- Special Ed funding for Central JTED students with high needs-
- JTED to change their name to CTED (Career and Technical Education)
- Remove the 25% cap on dual enrollment
- Career Awareness prior to high school
- The need to plan for transportation funding-JTED has no transportation funding

Patrick will draft a letter of support for Commission approval at the November meeting to send to the State Legislature after which it will be forwarded to the BOS with a request for a Board resolution. Commissioner Pina will ask the Oro Valley Town Council for possible endorsement; Commissioner Blumenthal will address the Green Valley Council.

JTED is attempting to recruit more students for the construction trades. They are collaborating with companies such as Caterpillar to offer heavy equipment and construction training since they have the heavy equipment the students can use for training. They have now leased to own several pieces of heavy equipment for student training. This program is much needed since most construction workers are being brought in from neighboring counties due to the lack of work force here in Pima County. JTED will continue working closely with the One Stop Center and Pima Community College for continuing education in the agricultural, automotive, construction, manufacturing and engineering fields.

Vice-Chair's Report- Vice- Chair Done reported on the Northwest Fire District inspection costs, which are 35% of the total cost of a fire inspection in comparison to other fire departments. She also provided an administrative directory, operational permits directory and a business safety checklist.

Coordinators Report- Patrick reported on the Sun Corridor Luncheon. There is a 5.6% reduction in the professional and business services fields accountants, lawyers, bookkeepers, etc. There are several companies coming to downtown which will increase the business services jobs. There is a 2% reduction in the construction fields, it seems as if some companies are picking and moving to Texas, Florida and soon Puerto Rico due to the hurricane reconstruction. A local drywall company moved 45 workers to Texas.

Community Outreach Follow -Up- Summerhaven –The Summerhaven business community has accepted the SBC assistance in their issues. It was decided the sub-committee Commissioners Goodman, Miller and Hook and Chair Free as well as several business owners meet again. Chair Free will reach out to the Summerhaven group to schedule another meeting. The next Summerhaven meeting will decide who from the community will be on the sub-committee.

Pima County Sales Tax Committee- Commissioner Schutte was not in attendance for a report.

City of Tucson Small Business Commission- No report no meeting due to lack of quorum.

SBC 2017 Business Award- Commissioner Blumenthal distributed a draft of the one-page application to be filled out on line. The PC Communications Department is to send out the link to the media and several other entities. There was discussion as to when the application will be distributed and the award presented. Chair Free requested the minutes reflect the January 18 meeting will be when the award winner will be selected. Patrick will work with the Communications Department to see when they can distribute the applications. For selection in January and awarded in February.

There was great discussion on the splitting of the \$1,000 award among the three categories. Commissioner Goodman asked if it was possible for the Commissioners to contribute the monies for the third award. There were several suggestions not to have the third award at this time since the monies are not available or just to give the plaque and not the money. It was also suggested not to give the money to the new non-profit category. There will be a vote at the November meeting to decide if the third category will be omitted. There are also several other options to be considered a) three categories no money just a plaque, b) three categories with \$333 each c) fully fund the first two categories and not the third.

Other Commissioners Reports- No reports

Future Agenda Items-

- Project Prosperity-Development Services
- Project Prosperity- Waste Water Reclamation
- SBC 2018 Small Business Awards
- Workforce Development Sub-committee

Call to the Public- No response

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.